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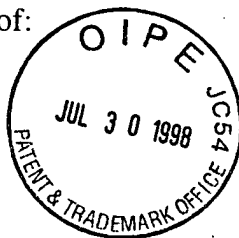
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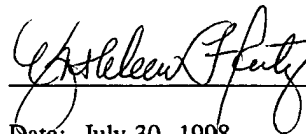
Title: "Fastener Tape Material, Bag
Utilizing Fastener Tape Material,
and Method of Manufacture
Thereof"

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed
July 1, 1998.

The Applicant makes the following election with traverse and in accordance with the
Office Action of the Examiner as set forth in the restriction requirement. The Applicant elects
to prosecute Group I, Claims 1-3, 8-19, 34-35 and 61-71. It is respectfully submitted however
that, at a minimum, Groups I, II and III could be examined simultaneously. The Applicant
respectfully submits however that the restriction requirement and classifications of claims set
forth by the Examiner merely set apart minor differences in the art of reclosable bags, methods

